

REMARKS

Claims 26-43 were pending in the application. Claims 26 and 43 have been amended to correct typographical errors and improve claim language. Therefore, claims 26-43 are pending in the application and are presented for examination.

Double Patenting

The Office Action rejected claims 26 and 28-41 for obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-8 and 10-19 of U.S. Pat. No. 5,612,053. Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, Applicants are hereby submitting a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 5,612,053 and a Statement under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) to moot this rejection.

The Office Action rejected claims 26-41 for obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-24 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,387,394. Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, Applicants are hereby submitting a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,387,396 and a Statement under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) to moot this rejection.

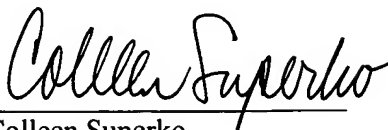
Pending claims 42 and 43 were neither rejected nor allowed by the Office Action. The Terminal Disclaimers filed herewith, however, moot any potential obviousness-type double patenting rejection with respect to these claims, as Terminal Disclaimers filed herewith apply to all claims in the application.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the pending application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is kindly invited to telephone the undersigned in an effort to expedite

prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Colleen Superko". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

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